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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 32 without prejudice. Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A process for amplifying a reaction between a ligand and a receptor of a ligand-receptor pair comprising:
 - a.) producing or acquiring, from said ligand and/or receptor signals that are characteristic of the biological or chemical activity or the biological or chemical behavior of said ligand and/or receptor said signals being produced or acquired according to a method comprising:
 - i.) placing said ligand and/or receptor in a zone subjected to an excitation field of an electrical, magnetic or electromagnetic type, wherein said excitation field is